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# THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND EXEGESIS.

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## Proceedings in June, 1881.

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The Society met according to appointment in the Library of the Yale Divinity School, June 2d, 1881, at 2½ P. M.

Present: Profs. Abbot, Beecher, Briggs, Brown, Day, Dwight, Gardiner, Goodwin, Gould, Mitchell, Prentice, Rich, Toy, the Rev. H. Ferguson, Rev. Drs. Harwood and Ward, and subsequently, Prof. George P. Fisher, D. D.

The President having taken the chair, the minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Letters were read from several absent members expressing their regret at their inability to be present, and giving reasons therefor.

Prof. Smith of the Lane Theological Seminary was introduced by Dr. Briggs, and was invited to attend the sessions of the Society.

Several papers printed in the Journal were read and discussed as far as the time allowed, the following business being transacted in the intervals.

Voted: That the final adjournment of this meeting be at 1 P. M. on Friday.

Prof. Dwight invited the Society to meet some gentlemen of New Haven at his house at 8.30 P. M.

The Society expressed their thanks to Prof. Dwight and voted to accept his invitation.

Voted: To take a recess from 6 to 7 P. M.

Voted: That Prof. Abbot be requested to furnish a copy of his paper for publication in full in the proceedings.

Voted: That the matter of issuing a volume of transactions, and the whole subject of printing the papers in general be referred to the council.

The election of officers and the transaction of the general business of the Society was made the order of the day for 7 P. M.

On reassembling after the recess, the council recommended Prof. George P. Fisher, D. D. for membership, and he was unanimously elected.

A committee consisting of Profs. Toy and Brown and Rev. H. Ferguson was appointed on the nomination of officers. This committee subsequently reported the following nominations and the persons so nominated were elected:

REV. D. R. GOODWIN, D. D., LL. D.,	- - -	<i>President.</i>
REV. JAMES STRONG, D. D.,	- - -	<i>Vice President.</i>
REV. F. GARDINER, D. D.,	- - -	<i>Secretary.</i>
REV. C. A. BRIGGS, D. D.,	- - -	<i>Treasurer.</i>
REV. EZRA ABBOT, D. D., LL. D.,	}	<i>Additional Members</i>
REV. GEORGE E. DAY, D. D.,		
REV. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D. D.,		
PROF. CHARLES SHORT, LL. D.,		
REV. C. M. MEAD, PH. D.,		

*of the Council.*

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Drs. Day and Dwight. This committee subsequently reported that "they had compared the vouchers of the Treasurer with the receipts and find them to correspond; and also that the records of receipts and expenditures agree with the summing of the whole as given in the Treasurer's report."

(Signed)

GEORGE E. DAY.

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Society adjourned to 9 A. M. on Friday, and reassembled at that hour.

On the recommendation of the Council, accompanied by statements in regard to their publications, the following persons were unanimously elected to membership.

Rev. John E. Todd, D. D.,	New Haven, Conn.
Prof. Howard Osgood, D. D.,	Rochester, New York.
Rev. Bernard Pick, Ph. D.	Rochester, New York.

The Council appointed the Union Theological Seminary in New York as the place for the next meeting, at such day and hour during the Christmas holidays as may be determined by a committee consisting of Drs. Briggs, Crosby and Short.

A tribute was paid to the memory of our deceased colleague, the Rev. E. A. Washburn, D. D., by the Rev. Dr. Harwood. After

further remarks by other members, a committee, consisting of Drs. Harwood, Goodwin, and Abbot, was appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the deceased, to be entered in our printed proceedings. This committee prepared the following minute:

It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to remove from the membership of this Society our brother, the late Edward A. Washburn, Doctor in Divinity. In his death the Church and the community have met with a serious loss. Dr. Washburn was keenly interested in the formation and in the purposes and work of this Society: for he saw that one of the weaknesses and evils of the Church of this present day is the wide spread ignorance of the Sacred Scriptures among even the commissioned preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hence he hailed every movement for the intellectual enlightenment of the clergy with chivalrous ardor and a generous hospitality. This inspired him with zeal in the department of sacred criticism and philology, while he served none the less the cause of dogmatic theology when and where all interest in it seemed threatened with lethargy, if not with extinction. Dr. Washburn's personal sympathies, his bright intelligence, his brave support of every movement for the increase of the knowledge of the faith that is in Christ, made him a valued and valuable member of every society of Christian men with which he was associated, and we, in common with many others, deeply deplore his loss and regret his death in the fullness of his hopes and powers.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HARWOOD,

In behalf of a Special Committee.

The questions on the admissibility of papers opposing the conclusions of papers previously read, and of limiting the length of discussions, were considered and a general understanding on both subjects was reached.

Voted: That the thanks of the Society be returned to the New Haven committee of arrangements for the use of the room, and for their provision for the comfort of the members.

After the reading of the rough minutes, the Society adjourned.

FREDERIC GARDINER,

*Secretary.*